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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 7378

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, EC

SUBJECT: TEXACO-GULF WORKERS PROTEST LAY OFFS

REF: QUITO 7013, QUITO 7287

1. EL COMERCIO NOVEMBER 3 REPORTED CEDOC (CHRISTIAN TRADE UNION CENTRAL) PROTESTS OVER IMPENDING LAYOFFS OF WORKERS EMPLOYED BY TEXACO-GULF CONTRACTORS. CEDOC ASSERTED LAYOFFS, TO COMMENCE NOVEMBER 25, WERE RETALIATORY ACTION TAKEN BY TEXACO-GULF IN RESPONSE TO ANNOUNCED GOE INTENTION ACQUIRE IN THE FUTURE 51 PERCENT OF COMPANIES' INTERESTS IN ECUADOR.

2. ECDOD DECLARATION EXPRESSED WORKERS' SUPPORT FOR GOE DECISION ACQUIRE MAJORITY OWNERSHIP OF ENTERPRISES AND CONFIDENCE THAT WORKERS WOULD HAVE BETTER PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS UNDER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYER THAN UNDER CONTRACTORS. CEDOC STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT AT PRESENT ECUADOREAN WORKERS DID NOT RECEIVE LEGALLY ESTABLISHED MINIMUM WAGE, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS OR EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS WHILE FOREIGN WORKERS EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTORS ENJOYED PRIVILEGED POSITION.

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3. COMMENT: THIS EXAMPLE BEARS OUT THE PREDICTED RISK

(QUITO 6779) THAT TEXACO-GULF WOULD RUN BY TRYING TO  
DRAW GOE ATTENTION TO ITS PROBLEMS THROUGH TERMINATION  
NOTICES TO CONTRACTORS. CEDOS'S PUBLIC STATEMENT CALLS  
FOR GREATER, NOT LESS, GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER THE  
CONSORTIUM.  
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